

J. Kevin Stitt Office of the Governor State of Oklahoma

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March 28, 2023 OKLAHOMA SECRETARY OF STATE

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE ORDER 2023-06

I, J. Kevin Stitt, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, hereby direct the appropriate steps be taken to fly all American and Oklahoma flags on State property at half-staff from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, to honor the life and service of Officer Joseph Lee Barlow, who died on March 20, 2023, while serving in the line of duty for the McAlester Police Department.

Joseph's exemplary service to the McAlester Police Department and our state will not be forgotten. Sadly, Joseph leaves behind a loving family, including his wife Chaise, and son Hudson, and parents Cindy and Shannon Barkley, Jerry Barlow, Jr. and Brenda Schoggins. A service honoring Joseph's life is scheduled for March 29, 2023, at the Southeast Expo Center in McAlester.

The state of Oklahoma recognizes not only our law enforcement officers but the families of those who continue to protect and serve our communities and the sacrifices they make daily. The dedicated men and women who work as law enforcement officers face extraordinary peril while protecting our citizenry and I ask you to join me in prayer for their ongoing safety.

This executive order shall be forwarded to the Division of Capital Assets Management, who shall cause the provisions of this order to be implemented by all appropriate agencies of state government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on this 28th day of March, 2023.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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